

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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BAUXITE RESERVES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the approximate bauxite reserved areas in Orissa and Chattisgarh States; and
- (b) the steps are being taken for the proper exploitation of those mines in these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a): Section 17A of Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulation) (MMDR) Act. 1957, provides for reservation of areas for purposes of conservation of minerals and prospecting /mining by the companies and corporations owned by /or controlled by the Governments. As per information given by the State Government of Orissa, bauxite deposits at Kodingamali, Potangi, Baplimali in Rayagada district, Lanjigarh in Kalahandi district and Gandhamardan in Bolangir district in Orissa were reserved by the State Government. Similarly, as per information given by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, erstwhile Madhya Pradesh Government had reserved bauxite deposits in tehsil Samri and Pal in Sarguja district.

(b): For conservation and systematic development of minerals including bauxite and also for environmental protection, Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR), 1988 have been framed under Section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. MCDR is monitored by the Central Government through IBM. Mining operations are carried out according to the mining plan approved by IBM. Compliance of the mining plan stipulations is being checked from time to time through inspections by IBM officers. In case of irregularities, the same are pointed out by IBM under the appropriate provisions of MCDR for compliance/rectification.